

with expiring terms may be re-appointed. All members serve at their own expense, and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the Department of Transportation's policy on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard is especially seeking applications from qualified women and minority group members.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

Dated: March 12, 1998.

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*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

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#### National Boating Safety Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) and its subcommittees on boat occupant protection, navigation lights, and personal flotation device-life saving index will meet to discuss various issues relating to recreational boating safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** NBSAC will meet on Monday and Tuesday, April 27 and 28, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index and Navigation Light Subcommittees will meet on Saturday, April 25, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, April 26, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 15, 1998. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 10, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** NBSAC will meet at the Adam's Mark Hotel-Tulsa, 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Commandant

(G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this notice, contact Albert J. Marmo, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285. For questions on this docket, contact Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329. You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647, or read it on the Internet, at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at URL address [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) or at the Web Site for the Documentary Services Division at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agendas of Meetings

##### National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC)

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Executive Director's report.
- (2) Chairman's session.
- (3) Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee report.
- (4) Navigation Light subcommittee report.
- (5) Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee report.
- (6) Recreational Boating Safety Program report.
- (7) NBSAC recreational boating safety Federal regulations review status report.
- (8) Status report regarding Federal Register requests for comments on Federal requirements for wearing personal flotation devices and education in recreational boating safety.
- (9) Industry presentation on inflatable personal flotation device approval.
- (10) Waterborne risk management assessment and overview.
- (11) Recreational boating safety outreach update and discussion.
- (12) Hull Identification Number rulemaking update.
- (13) Presentation on Department of Transportation waterway transportation management initiative.

##### Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review and discuss boat occupant protection research study results and issues.
- (2) Discuss risk avoidance alternatives.
- (3) Discuss horsepower, weight and persons capacity standards.

(4) Discuss proposals regarding requirements to wear a helmet on personal watercraft (PWC), and for installation of a shroud on PWC extending from the engine cowling.

#### Navigation Light Subcommittee

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review and discuss status of rulemaking to place navigation lights under regulatory control.
- (2) Discuss a study to improve the visibility and display of navigation lights focusing on hardware issues.
- (3) Review any new standards which address design, construction, and installation of navigation lights applicable to recreational boats.

#### Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Discuss issues associated with the development of a consensus standard for application of the life saving index to various types of personal flotation devices.
- (2) Discuss personal flotation device (PFD) conspicuity issues.
- (3) Discuss the status of inflatable PFD inflation systems, and approval of automatic inflating PFDs.

#### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than April 15, 1998. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 15, 1998. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than April 10, 1998.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

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